



*News From*

# **Cheryl Dinolfo**

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **DINOLFO UNVEILS NEW MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT TO INCREASE VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL PROGRAMS**

*Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC) Provides Grant of \$200,000 to  
Provide Manufacturing Equipment for BOCES 1, BOCES 2 and Edison Tech*

Monroe County Executive **Cheryl Dinolfo** was joined by Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES District Superintendent **Jo Anne Antonacci** as well as educators and manufacturing professionals from across Monroe County to unveil and cut the ribbon on new state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment. This new equipment will help prepare students for both higher education and the workforce.

*“Monroe County is proud to contribute much needed equipment so that schools can better prepare students in advanced manufacturing while equipping them for good paying jobs right here in our community,”* said **Dinolfo**. *“Programs which train students in skilled manufacturing help to close the skills gap between companies looking to hire and our talented, local workforce.”*

**Dinolfo** and **Antonacci** unveiled a pair of HAAS, 4-axis CNC Machines and its accompanying simulators at the BOCES 2 WEOMOCO Career and Technical Education Center in Spencerport. The purchase of the equipment was made possible by a generous donation from the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation (MCIDC). All equipment was purchased at NYMAT Machine Tool Corporation in Perinton. The grant also made purchases of similar machines and equipment possible for BOCES 1 Eastern Monroe Career Center in Fairport as well as Edison Career and Technology High School in the Rochester City School District.

More than 1,500 students are enrolled in career and technical education programs at BOCES 1, BOCES 2 and Edison Tech. This new manufacturing equipment will provide more students with vocational training and awareness of the benefits of a career in skilled manufacturing. Prior to the delivery of this new equipment, all three educational facilities had limited and antiquated equipment that were in need of upgrades so students could be better educated and competitive in their fields.

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*“Our students enroll in career and technical education courses in order to prepare for the workforce or education after high school,”* Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES District Superintendent Jo Anne Antonacci said. *“This gracious donation from the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation allows high school students to perfect their skills on state-of-the-art machines. MCIDC’s donations to BOCES 2, Monroe One BOCES and Edison Career and Technology High School will directly impact students by advancing their abilities and, in turn, expanding their post-secondary opportunities.”*

This equipment will also be used during the Summer Advanced Manufacturing Enterprise (SAME) program sponsored by MCIDC, BOCES and Monroe Community College (MCC) Applied Technologies Center. The three-week program creates hands-on experience for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders in precision manufacturing. SAME graduates each receive three credit hours of MCC Precision Machine Program credit toward an Associates of Applied Science degree in precision manufacturing at MCC.

Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation is a not-for-profit that promotes economic development opportunities within the County of Monroe, providing additional employment and job opportunities.

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